## Science

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### Goals

► Be able to plan instruction and assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities in science



## Science and Engineering Practices

- 1. Ask questions (for science) and define problems (for engineering)
- 2. Develop and use models
- 3. Plan and carry out investigations
- 4. Analyze and interpret data
- 5. Use mathematics and computational thinking
- 6. Construct explanations (for science) and design solutions (for engineering)
- 7. Engage in argument from evidence
- 8. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information



## **Least Dangerous Assumption**

- "...in the absence of conclusive data, educational decisions ought to be based on assumptions which, if incorrect, will have the least dangerous effect on the likelihood that students will be able to functional independently as adults."
- ► Anne Donnellan 1984



# 1. <u>Ask questions (for science)</u> and define problems (for engineering)

- ▶ Students have to
  - ► Choose the topic they want to ask about
  - ► Choose what question they want to ask about the topic
  - Formulate that into a question





## 1. <u>Ask questions (for science)</u> and define problems (for engineering)

- Present topic-related concepts/details/characteristics in words or phrases in student's form of communication (List 1)
- ► Have student choose what they want to ask about
- ▶ Present factors/questions that affect the topic (List 2)
- ► Have the student select what question they want to ask
- ▶ "If I change (List 2), how does that affect (List 1)?"



### **HS-LS3** Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

**HS-LS3-1**. Ask questions to clarify relationships about the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring.

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## Disciplinary Core Ideas Core Content Connectors

## Crosscutting Concepts Core Content Connectors

## Asking Questions and Defining Problems

Work with peers to ask questions to understand that the genetic instructions for forming species' characteristics are carried in the chromosomes; each chromosome consists of a single DNA molecule; and that genes are the regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins.

#### LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits

 Recognize that DNA molecules in all cells contain the instructions for traits passed from parents to offspring.

#### **Cause and Effect**

Work with peers to describe the cause and effect relationships between DNA, the proteins it codes for, and the resulting traits observed in an organism.



Ask questions to clarify relationships about the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instruction for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring.

- ▶ Verbs
  - ▶Ask

- **►**Nouns
  - **▶** Questions



Ask questions

- Students will ask questions about different possibilities about genetic instructions
- Students will predict what will happen
- Students will make a model to test their predictions
- ►Students will take data on what happened
- ►Students will analyze the data







Mom

Dad

No one has brown eyed gene

Both parents

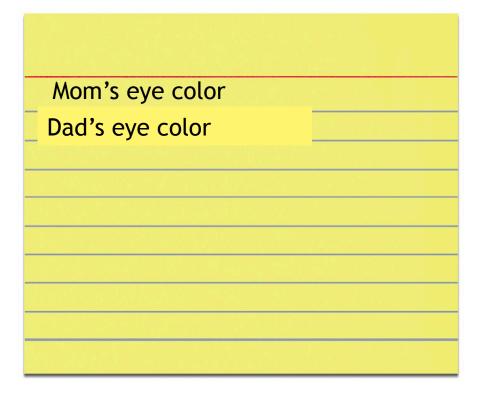
Brown eyes

Blue eyes



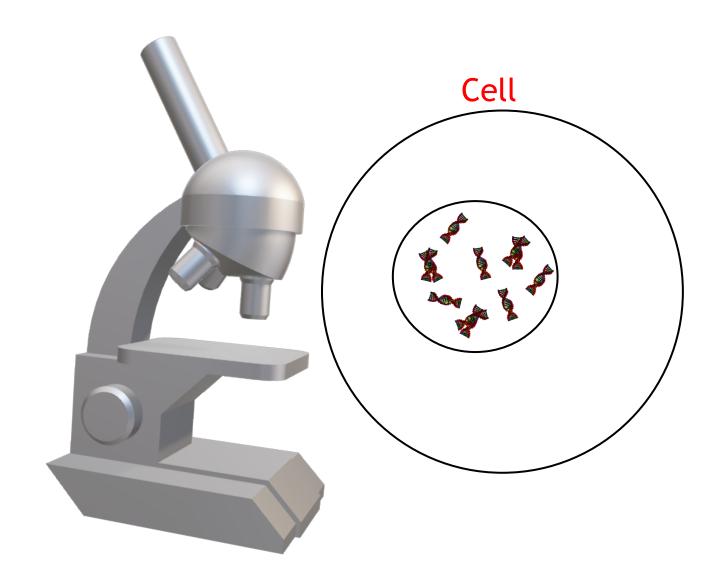
If \_\_\_\_\_\_ has a blue eyed gene and brown eyes, then child will probably have

\_\_\_\_\_

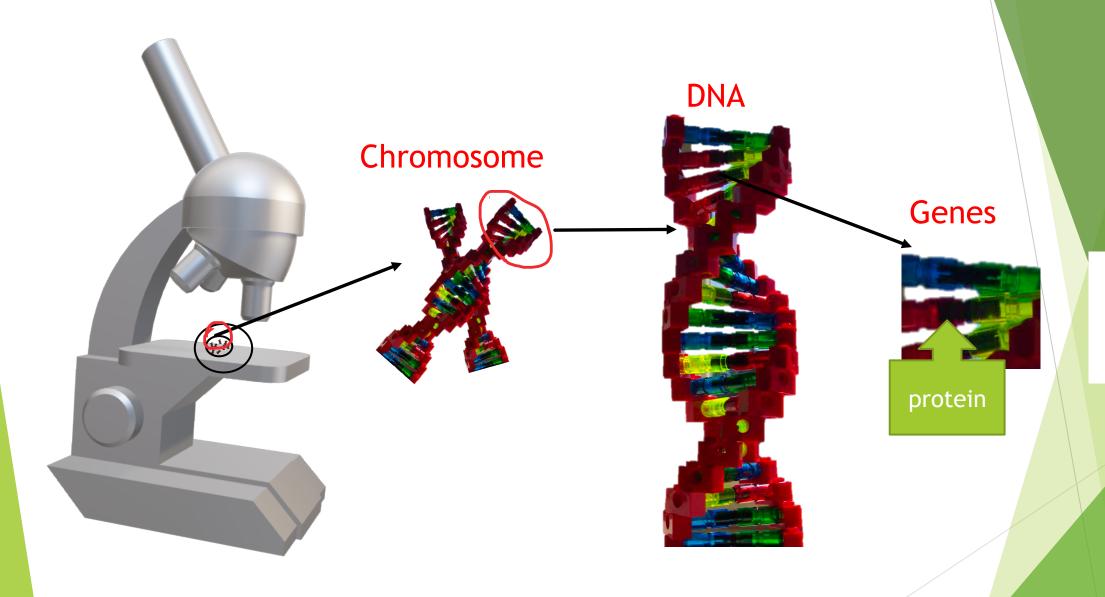




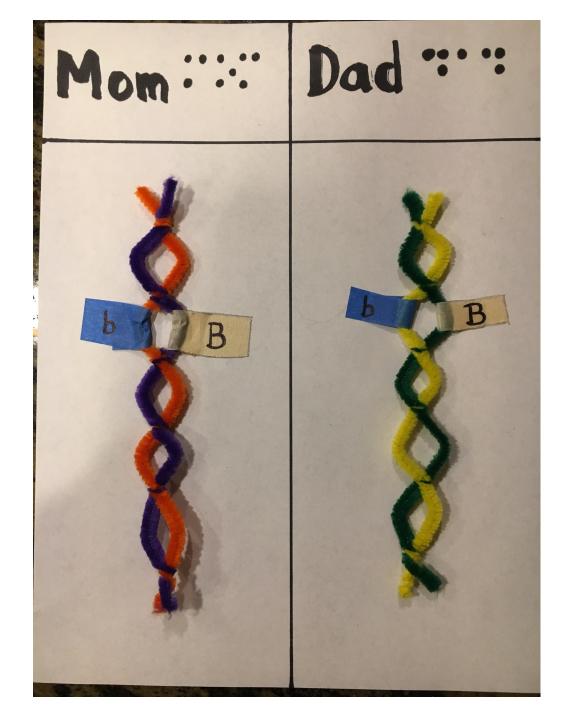
If I change \_\_\_\_\_ how does that affect the probability of the child having blue eyes?











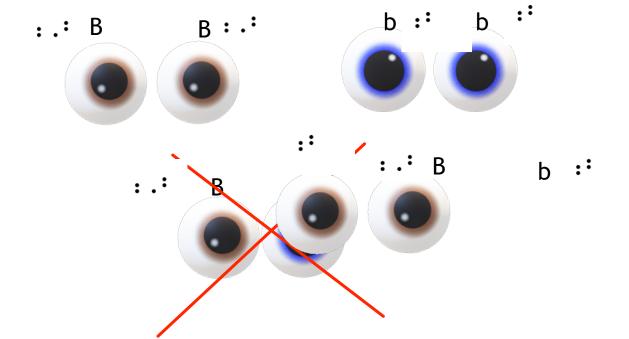


B is the brown eye gene b is the blue eye gene Capital letters are stronger (dominant) and mask the lower case letters

BB = brown

Bb = brown

bb = blue

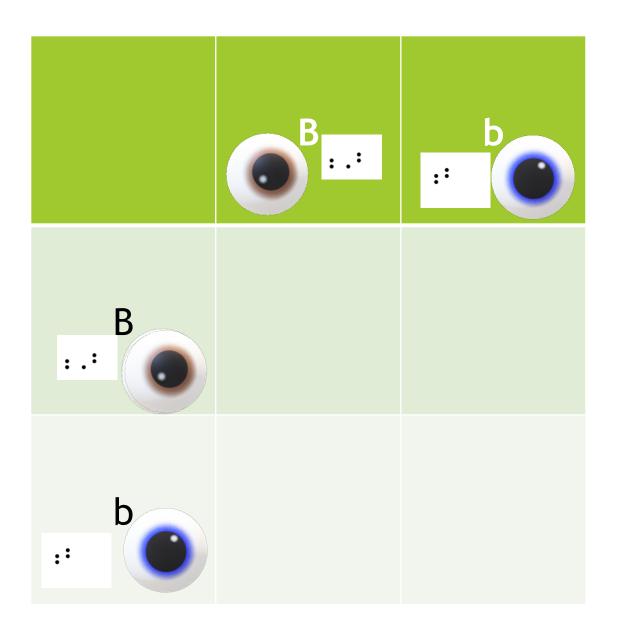




## 2. Develop and use models

- Develop models
  - ► Physical representation (construct a drawing)
  - ► Analogy (represent a phenomena)
- ► Use models
  - ► Simulate a phenomena
  - ► Test a design





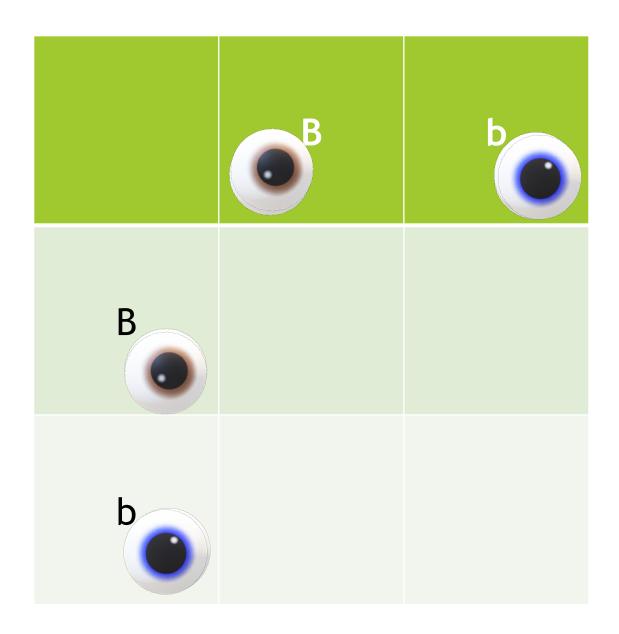
Brown is strongest.
Blue eyes only if there are <u>two blue</u> genes.



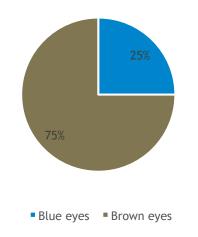
## 3. Plan and carry out investigations

- ▶ In science, this is used to answer questions
- ▶ In engineering, this is used to test designs
- ► Both give data
- 1. Develop a question (use the same process as in SP1).
- 2. Select one independent variable from a list.
- 3. Carryout investigation multiple times, changing the independent variable to see the effect on the dependent variable (collect data)



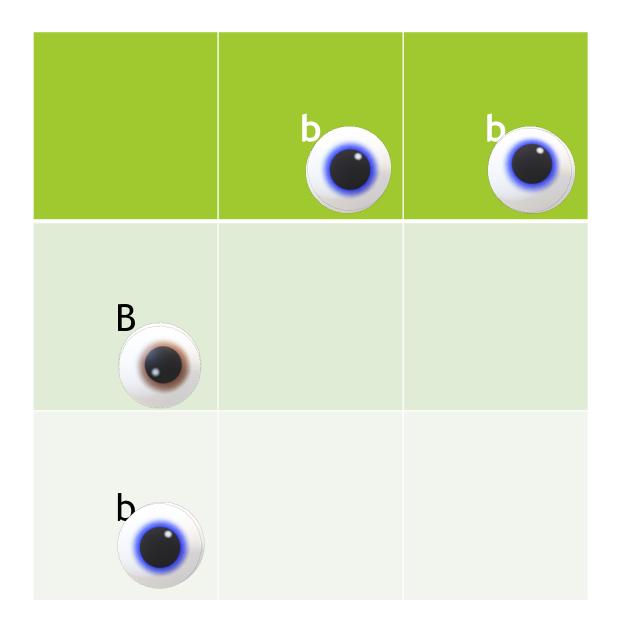


#### Probability of Blue Eyes

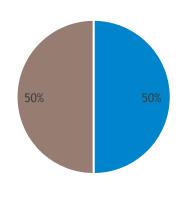


Note: simplified example--more than one gene controls eye color.





### Probability of Blue Eyes



■ Blue eyes ■ Brown eyes



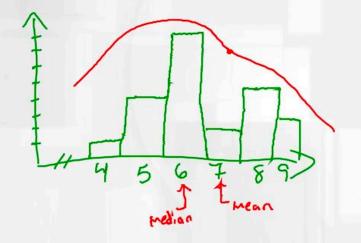
## 4. Analyze and interpret data

- ▶ Use in science to determine meaning
- ▶ Use in engineering to test solutions
- ► Analyze data
  - Organize
  - ► Graph
- ► Interpret data
  - ► Evaluate
  - Use statistics
- ▶ Grade level foci
  - ► Elementary collect data in science notebook, use tables, use graphs
  - ▶ Middle independent and dependent variables, different types of graphs
  - ► High use math and statistics (mean, median, range; slope)



## How many hours of sleep does the average high school or college student sleep?

Find the mean, median, mode, range and identify the distribution.



median: 6hrs thrs queen median their skewed right distribution



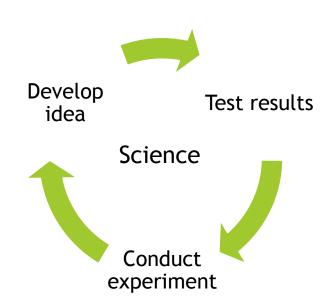
## 5. Use mathematics and computational thinking

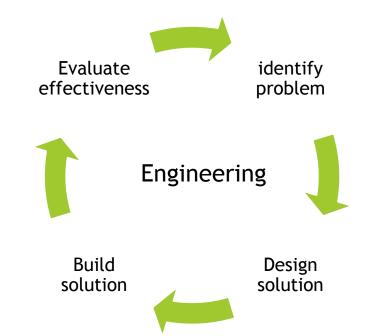
### ► Progression

- Work with quantities and units: use rulers, thermometers, protractors)
- 2. Use words to describe phenomena ("distance equals velocity multiplied by time", "energy equals mass multiplied by the speed of light squared")
- 3. Represent words with symbols (d=vt, e=mc2)
- 4. Gather data using spreadsheets
- Use models/simulations (refer to SP2)



# 6. Construct explanations (for science) and design solutions (for engineering)



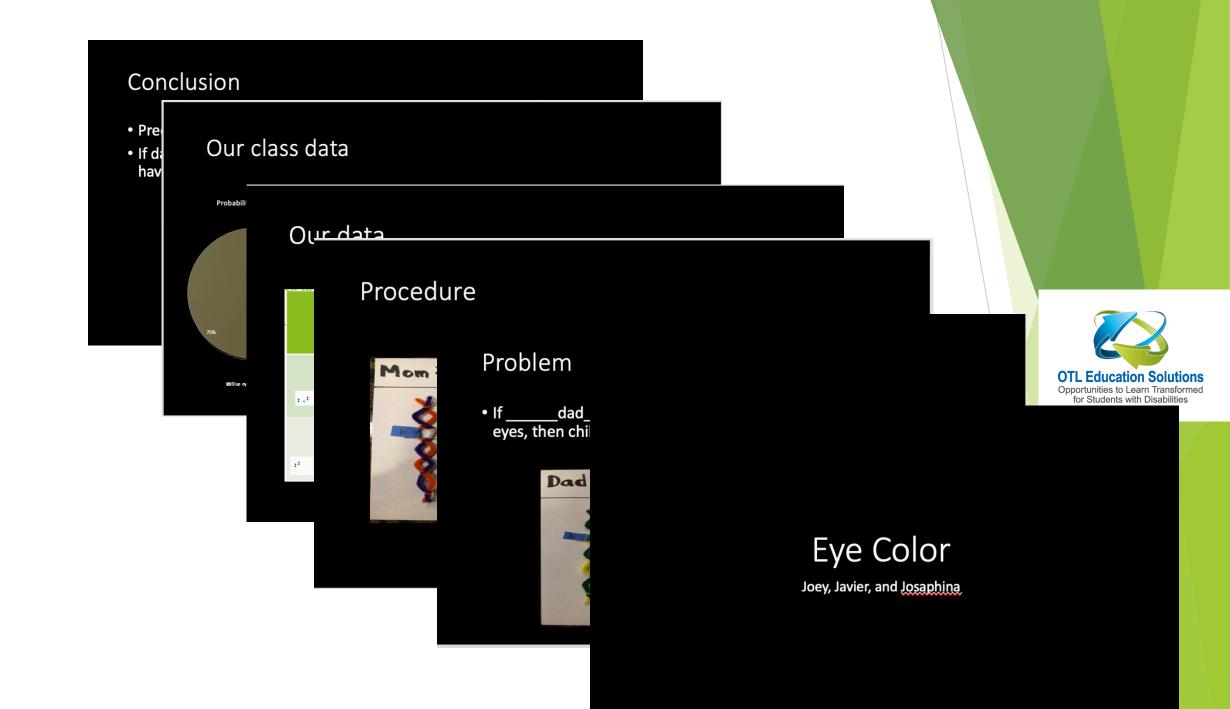




## 7. Engage in argument from evidence

- 1. Construct an argument (refer to SP1-6)
- 2. Share the argument (orally, sequence pictures, powerpoint)
- 3. Listen to other arguments (take notes- write, use symbols, highlight text, Velcro words/pictures)
- 4. Evaluate all arguments to find the best explanation/solution (yes/no, agree/disagree, good better/best, vote/tally votes)





## 8. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information

- ▶ In science, share explanations of phenomena
- ► In engineering, share solutions to problems
- Conduct research
- Read and interpret texts
- ► Communicate information
  - Write texts
  - ► Give presentations
  - Use websites
  - ▶ Participate in discussions
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### The Mouse Test

As a test, a team of scientists gave mice two different kinds of mtDNA. The mice did not do well. Compared with normal mice, the test mice moved less. They also ate less. They were more nervous. The mice had more trouble thinking. It seems that carrying mitochondria from both parents is bad.

So why is it so hard to say if you are more like your mother or father? This is because where your genes come from is only part of the answer. Only some of those genes actually get used.

Genes from your dad are more likely to be used. So, you can look more like your dad and are more related to your mom.

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# CRISPR/Cas9 mediated high efficiency knockout of the **eye** color gene Vermillion in Helicoverpa zea (Boddie)

- Abstract: Scientists want to learn to control what genes are expressed or passed from parents to children.
- ▶ Problem: Can we make corn earworms not have red eyes?
- ► Method: Use CRISPR gene to control parts of DNA
- ► Results: corn earworms did not have red eyes
- Conclusion: Yes, we can make corn earworms not have red eyes.



# 1. Ask questions (for science) and <u>define problems (for engineering)</u>

- ► Students have to
  - ► Choose the problem they want to define
  - ▶ Define the problem
    - ► What is the problem?
    - ► Who has the problem?
    - ► Why is it important to solve?
  - Formulate that into a statement.
- "Who need(s) what because why."



## 1. Ask questions (for science) and <u>define problems (for engineering)</u>

- Present topic-related concepts in words or phrases in student's form of communication
- ► Have student choose what problem they want to define and related details about the problem
  - ▶ What is the problem? (List 1)
  - ▶ Who has the problem? (List 2)
  - ▶ Why is it important to solve? (List 3)

Have the student select the answers to the above questions from a list (as student gains more content knowledge, "answers" that are unrelated to the problem could be presented so that the student uses their understanding to select only those relevant answers).

"Who (List 2) need(s) what (List 1) because why (List 3)."



## 2. Develop and use models

### Develop models

- Physical representation: draw, label a drawing, assemble pieces of a drawing into a whole, use objects to create a "diorama"
- Analogy: select from several options



- ▶ Use tools to "animate" a model
- ► Evaluate what part of the model worked best, which model worked best, or how you could change it to make the model work better



#### **HS-PS1** Matter and Its Interactions

**HS-PS1-1**. Use the periodic table as a model to predict the relative properties of elements based on the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms.

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## Developing and Using Models

Work with peers to construct a model (e.g., a model that shows an atom's nucleus as made of protons and neutrons, and is surrounded by electrons) to describe the relationships between elements in the periodic table and the structure of atoms (e.g., arrangement of the main groups of the periodic table reflects the patterns of outermost electrons).

## Disciplinary Core Ideas Core Content Connectors

#### PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter

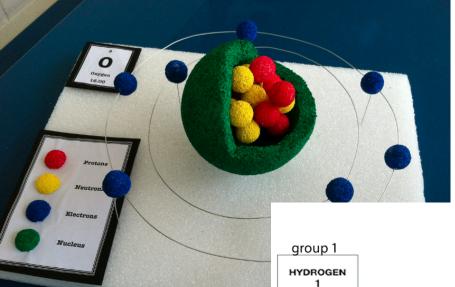
- Recognize that that elements are organized in the periodic table horizontally by the number of protons equal to the number of electrons (in a neutral atom) in the atom's nucleus.
- Recognize that properties vary in a regular pattern across the rows (periods) and down the columns (families or groups) in the periodic table.
- Recognize the importance of the atom's outermost electrons in determining the chemical and physical properties of an element.
- Predict the properties of elements using the periodic table.

## Crosscutting Concepts Core Content Connectors

#### **Patterns**

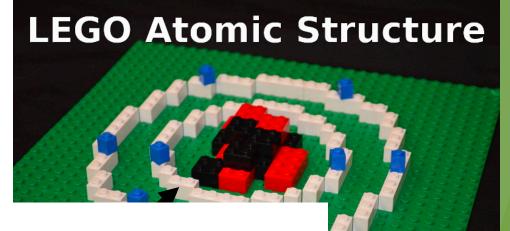
Work with peers to show how patterns may be observed and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena (i.e., repeating patterns of the periodic table reflect patterns of outer electron states).





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### What could that look like?

- ▶ Distance a car rolls (dependent)
  - ► Weight of car (control)
  - ▶ Degree of incline\* (independent)
- ► Plant growth (dependent variable)
  - ► Fertilizer\* (independent variable)
  - ► Water (control)
  - ► Light (control)



### 4. Analyze and interpret data

- ► Analyze data
  - ▶ Use color coding, tactile, 3 dimensional
- ► Interpret data
  - ► Same/different
  - ► More/less/same
  - ► Higher/lower/same

#### ► Grade level foci

- ► Elementary collect data in science notebook (written, drawing, Velcro "sentence", boardmaker)
- ► Middle independent and dependent variables in T-chart (magnetized, Velcro, objects; different types of graphs (line, bar, scatter)
- ► High use math and statistics (mean, median, range; slope); computer simulations, index cards, 3d numbers, calculator

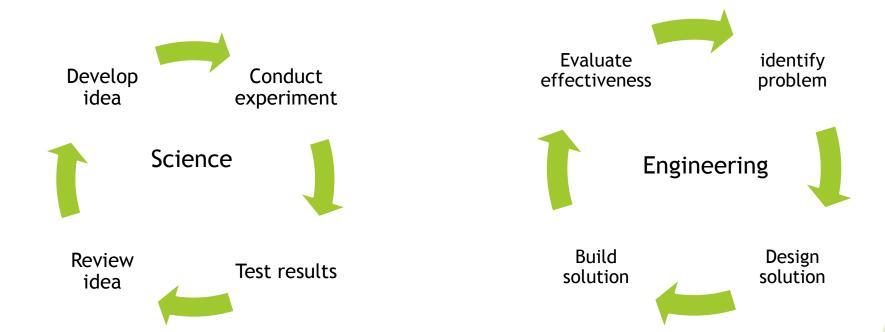


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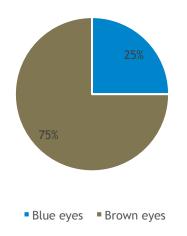


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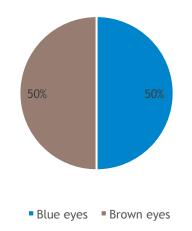
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- ► Conduct research (refer to SP1-7)
- Read and interpret texts
  - ► All students struggle with jargon, picking out priority points, reading multi-modal information (text, graphs, pictures)
  - ► This requires reading teachers to use scientific texts (including tables, data, graphs, pictures) and science teachers to explicitly instruct reading strategies
  - Science is not only hands-on activities but also TEXT
    - ▶ Adapted Primary Literature (APL): Research journal articles reduced to grade level explanation, could supplement these with pictures, symbols, real objects, motions
- Communicate information
  - ▶ Write texts (use science notebooks- refer to SP4)
  - ► Give presentations (refer back to SP7)
  - ▶ Use mini-posters



### Resources

- ► <a href="https://doe.sd.gov/assessment/alternate.aspx">https://doe.sd.gov/assessment/alternate.aspx</a>
- www.bozemanscience.com
- ▶ <a href="https://ccl.northwestern.edu/netlogo/">https://ccl.northwestern.edu/netlogo/</a>



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► <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KDC7KYQ">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KDC7KYQ</a>



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